

Western University of Health Sciences
Computer Specifications
College of Graduate Nursing
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The following is a list of the MINIMUM computer equipment necessary for the Web-based programs:

- PC System – Minimum of 2 GHz processor (CPU) or equivalent with Windows XP Home or better (3.2 GHz CPU or better with Windows XP Professional is optimal)
- Minimum of 512 MB RAM
- 15” or larger CRT or Flat Panel Monitor with video display card capable of displaying at least 65,000 colors at 800x600 resolution with minimum 75 MHz flicker-free refresh rate
- 10 GB or more of free hard disk space (20 GB or more recommended)
- 16X CD-ROM drive (24X or faster highly recommended; combo CD/DVD player/burner for backups also recommended)
- Newest version of Microsoft Internet Explorer browser
- Microsoft Office 2007 Standard Suite or higher with Word, Excel and PowerPoint (Microsoft Works is NOT acceptable)
- Newest version of Virus Protection program with subscription that supports automatic weekly updates (such as McAfee Virus Scan or Norton AntiVirus)
- Newest version of Microsoft Outlook or Outlook Express
- Newest version of Windows Media Player plug-in
- Newest version of Adobe Acrobat Reader plug-in
- 24 bit Sound Card and speakers
- Printer
- Dedicated Internet Connection and Internet Service Provider (Minimum: DSL, wireless, or cable modem broadband, with router-based firewall protection. A 56 kbps or higher modem with dedicated telephone line can be used for online course access if absolutely necessary, but will be inadequate for most supporting study materials.)
- No Macintosh